THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) 846,302,688 as per 1991 Census.

(b) A statement is enclosed (*See* below) :

Year	Budgetary Provisions (Rs. in Lakhs)
1990-91	68,484
1991-92	86,511
1992-93	105,130

As per SRS estimates, natural growth rate of population in the country has declined from 2.03% in 1989 to 1.90% (provisional) in 1992.

Statement

(i) The population growth rate at the time of independence was about 1.25% per annum.

(ii) & (iii)

Census Period	Average Annual Exponential Growth Rate (M)
1901—11	0.56%
1911—21	—0.03%
1921—31	1.04
1931—41	1.33
1941—51	1.25%
1951—61	1.96%
1961—71	2.20%
1971—81	2.22%
1981—91	2.14%
1992(SRS)	1.90$

$Natural Growth Rate obtained as difference between annual Sample Registration System (SRS) birth and death rates estimates (provisional).

Development of Ayurveda

1109. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken note of the remarks of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India while inaugurating the 54th plenary session of the All India Ayurved Congress in Nagpur that there is need to strengthen the traditional stream of medicine by compiling all knowledge lying scattered in bits and pieces across the country ;

(b) if so, what steps are being contemplated to create a separate Ministry for Ayurveda to ensure speedier development of this science; and

(c) how the teachers and practitioners are to be encouraged to bring about a certain standardisation of their curricula and profession ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Steps are being taken for organisational strengthening at the Central level and increased allocations for schemes for the development of Ayurveda

(c) The Central Council of Indian Medicine has been set up to regulate and enforce standards of education.

1110. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1994*].

Spread of Aids in the Country

1111. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the world Health Organisation has stated that AIDS should be declared a public health emergency in India;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that as per the report of the WHO, the AIDS is spreading in the country; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the spread of this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The spread of HIV transmission in the country has been causing concern.

(c) The strategy to prevent and control the spread of epidemic consists of generation of awareness among the public, especially the high risk behaviour groups for safe sex; promotion of blood safety and rational use of blood; prevention and control of sexually

transmitted diseases; promotion of condom use for prevention of STD/HIV and better clinical Management of AIDS cases.

Declaring 1994 as AIDS Awareness Year

1112. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government is presently monitoring the spread of AIDS in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have identified district or States which are having more AIDS cases;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the States have miserably failed to utilise the allotted funds; if so, details thereof in each case;

(d) whether Government will declare 1994 as "AIDS awareness Year" and plan accordingly;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what are the State wise details of the steps taken so far by Government to contain this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per available reports, Maharashtra has the largest incidence of AIDS cases (231) followed by Tamil Nadu (185), Kerala (76), Punjab/ Chandigarh (47) and Delhi (46).

(c) Yes, Sir. A statement is annexed. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) Intensification of efforts to generate greater AIDS awareness is a major plank of the prevention strategy currently under implementation.

(f) A comprehensive National AIDS Control Programme has been launched through our country in September, 1992 to fight AIDS. The strategies to combat AIDS consist of generation of awareness among risk behaviour groups and other people, control of S.T.D. blood-safety and rational use of blood and better facilities for surveillance diagnosis and management of HIV/AIDS cases. Action plans have been drawn up by the concerned State governments on the above lines and funds have been released to them.

Statement

Details of Funds released for and utilised by States, State-wise

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of State/UT	Funds released 1992-93	Expenditure Reported 1992-93	Funds released 1993-94	Expenditure Reported 1993-94
1	2	3	4	5
Andhra Praesh	70.490	12.2444	25.094	—
Arunachal Pradesh . . .	20.630	6.810	8.244	0.578
Assam	31.825	4.898	12.432	—
Bihar	43.750	—	16.694	—
Goa	24.660	15.793	7.869	3.284
Gujarat	56.410	29.263	65.832	28.343
Haryana	29.230	9.524	33.357	..
Himachal Pradesh . . .	74.750	37.219	22.932	..
Jammu & Kashmir . . .	..	..	37.320	..